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In re Patent No. 6,138,245
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Application No. 09/245,823
Filed: February 5, 1999
Attorney Docket No. 040658-0601
For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
AUTOMATIC DEVICE SYNCHRONIZATION

DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition, filed April 27, 2005 and supplemented on June 16, 2005, under 37 CFR 1.378(c) to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of the 3 ½ year maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The patent issued October 24, 2000. The grace period for paying the 3 ½ year maintenance fee expired at midnight on October 24, 2004. Therefore, since this petition was filed within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e), this petition was timely filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c).

The statement of unintentional delay was signed by a person who may not have been in a position of knowing that the delay in filing a timely response was unintentional. In the event that the signer of the petition has no knowledge that the delay was in fact unintentional, he should make a reasonable inquiry to ascertain that, in fact, the delay was unintentional. If he discovers that the delay was intentional, he must so notify the Office.

Accordingly, the maintenance fee in this case is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is hereby reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

Office records have been changed to show that petitioner is now large entity.

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Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3230.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Shirene Willis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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